Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 03 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 04 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 03 Nov 2021 at 03:11 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold and showery conditions through Wednesday and then for milder weather towards the end of the week. The main uncertainty relates to the severity of conditions on Saturday.

Headline for Wednesday 03 Nov 2021: Wintry showers and fleeting spells of sunshine. Bitterly cold in the strong winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 03 Nov 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
40%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 03 Nov 2021

Weather: A wintry feel to the hills on Wednesday as cold northerly winds drive showers southwards across all ranges, although these tending to become confined across the Cairngorms later in the day. The snow line will be around 700m, so there is a good chance of getting wet on ascent and descent, exacerbating the cold feel. Bright or sunny spells inbetween these showers, particularly across the southern ranges. Showers becoming fewer into the evening with some clear spells.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%.

Visibility: Very variable as showers pass through with visibility in the hundreds of metres range in snow and a few kilometers on lower slopes during rain. Cloud cover will be often descend to around 500-600m, lifting between showers. Best conditions across Ben Alder and Creag Meagaidh.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	28/36 N	28/37 N	28/39 N	28/40 N	29/42 N	29/41 N	29/40 N
900	23/28 N	21/28 N	21/29 N	21/31 N	22/31 N	20/29 N	20/29 N
600	14/19 N	13/19 N	14/22 NW	14/23 N	13/22 N	12/21 NW	11/19 NW
300	8/18 N	8/18 N	10/21 NW	10/21 NW	10/22 NW	9/19 NW	8/19 NW
Glen	5/18 N	6/19 NW	6/20 NW	6/20 NW	5/20 NW	5/19 NW	4/18 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-11	-3/-11	-3/-12	-3/-12	-4/-13	-4/-13	-5/-14
900	1/-6	0/-6	-0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8	-2/-9
600	3/-2	2/-2	2/-3	2/-3	1/-4	1/-4	0/-4
300	4/2	4/1	5/1	4/1	4/-0	3/-0	3/-1
Glen	5/2	5/2	6/3	6/2	4/1	4/0	3/-0
Freezing Level*	1000m	900m	800m	800m	800m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Be prepared for winter-like conditions. Winds may touch gale force on highest summits and across the Cairngorm Plateau.

Forecast for Thursday 04 Nov 2021

Weather: Lingering wintry showers will fade through the early hours leaving clearer spells and lighter winds and then a cold, bright and frosty start. Northerly winds will become westerlies, bringing thicker cloud and less cold conditions through evening eventually patchy rain (or sleet above munro level) later evening.

Maximum wind: North 20-25mph gusting 35mph, gradually backing westerly 15-25mph through the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% falling 40% from late afternoon.

Visibility: No issues through morning with very little low level cloud, perhaps the odd mist or fog patch in the glens. Cloud will thicken and lower from late afternoon, eventually becoming extensive above 400-600m by late evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 or 3 Celsius, but locally freezing in some sheltered glens, rising to 5 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius rising plus 2 Celsius through evening.
Freezing level: 600-800m through the bulk of the day, rising above summits through evening.

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